THE COPPIE OF A LETTER WRITTEN FROM the Lo. Viſcount of *Gormanſton* unto Sir *Phelim ô Neale.*

Which Letter is all written by the Lord *Gormanſton's* own hand, and was found in Sir *Phelim ô Neale's* Cloak-bag, when on the 16. of Iune 1642. the ſaid Sir *Phelim*, *Rory mac Gwyre*, ſome of the *mac Mahownes*, the *mac Geniſes*, and *mac Cartan*, the *ô Cahans*, *Coll Kittagh*, *mac Donells* ſons, and the reſt of the Rebells gathered from the ſeverall Counties of *Tirone*, *Antrim*, *Armagh*, *Downe*, *Fermanagh and Donegall*. And alſo ſome out of the Engliſh Pale, being in all 6000. foot and 500. horſe were defeated in battle by Sir *William Stewart*, and by Sir *Robert Stewart* with part of their two Regiments, 300. of Colonell *Gore's* Regiment, foure Companies from the Derry, and Capt. *Dudly Phillips* with his Troope of 60. horſe, in all not exceeding 2000. foot and 300. horſe.

Whereunto is added Sir *Robert Stewarts* Letter to the Right Honourable Sir *Iohn Barlaſe* Knight, one of the Lords Iuſtices for the Government of the Kingdome of *Ireland.*

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Noble Sir,

I had received but the leaſt notice or hope that you would have come to the meeting place; I had ſtayed longer to expect you, though I did not part thence, till ſuch time as I feared

to be benighted by the way, and ſhall be ready upon all occaſions to waite on you. I am very ſorry to heare of the Arrivall of more Enemies, We having already more then We can ſuppreſſe, and doe preſume to offer to your Conſideration what incouragement it will be to our diſanimated Enemies in thoſe parts, and diſcouragement to Ours, if they ſhall overthrow your forces at the firſt Encounter. Wherefore you will doe well to meete them with as ſtrong forces as you can, thereby to defeate them, which will make them the more fearefull thenceforth. I have conferr'd with your Brother whom I have acquainted with what I know, to whoſe relation I referre you.

Our forces here ſhall be ready to aſsiſt you on the leaſt notice, which may be don from hence, for all places about Ardee are ſo conſumed with fire, that there can be no meate had for the Souldiers, for want whereof they will doubtleſſe diſperſe, they are ſo prompt thereunto upon the leaſt occaſi-

occaſion. Thus praying God to give us better ſucceſſe then hitherto, I reſt

Your aſſured loving Kinſman

and Servant,

Gormanſton.

Navan this 15. *of Aprill.* 1642.

I can write you no Newes from about Dublin, but that Ours have burned a ſtreet in the Suburbs, and have good ſtore of forces about the Engliſh Army that is gone forth, I pray ſpare me ſome powder, for I proteſt we have not ten ſhots a peece.

Directed thus on the backſide,

For his Noble and much reſpected Kinſman Sir *Phelim ô Neale*, Generall of the forces of Vlſter. Theſe

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And directed

To the Right Honourable *Sir* IOHN BORLASE *Knight*;

One of the Lords Iuſtices for the Government of the Kingdome of IRELAND.

Right Honorable and my very good Lord,

Preſume I need not informe your Lordſhip of the ſeverall Encounters theſe Regiments have had with the Rebells, how in a place of the greateſt advantage for the Rebells, of any in Vlſter, after relief of the Caſtles of Donegall, Balliſhanon and

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foure Companies out of Derry, we did encounter two thousand foure hundred rebells beat them, killing two hundred, took nine or ten Colours, & took in the Castle of Dungiven, taking prisoner one of the chiefest of the Sept of the ô Cahans, releeved Colrane, and victualled the two Castles of Limavaddy and Ballicastell, yet defended by the Brittish, and so having killed some three hundred more, which we found in scattered Companies, by twenties and thirties at a place, called Macgillegin, we retired home with very little or no losse at all, as also how Sir Phelim ô Neale with some foure thousand coming strong to assault us the 25. of Aprill, was beat, & put to the flight by some two thousand of ours, having lost one hundred men,

men, we were ſtopt from proſecuting the victory, and purſuing the Rebells, by reaſon of the boggs, impaſſable for our horſes, That which now I would impart to your Lordſhip, is a late conflict which befell on the 16. day of this moneth of June, The Rebells being gathered from all quarters, chaſed by the Engliſh and Scots forces, from the ſeverall Counties of Tirone, Antrim, Armagh, Downe, Fermanagh and Donegall, under the Comand of Sir Phelim ô Neale himſelf, Collonell a Caen, lately arrived from Spain, after twenty yeers travells abroad, aſsiſted by Coll Kittaghs ſons two Scots High-landers, with many high-landers more, making up in all ſix thouſand foot and five hundred horſe, the former night having ſtood in armes at a halfe a mile and leſſe diſtance all the night, that morning about ſun-riſ-

ing our forces being drawn up in number not exceeding much two thousand foot and three hundred horse, after we had sent out some comanded Musquettiers, and horse, to view the rebells more neere, who being drawn up very orderly, upon the approach of our Commanded men from a hill opposite to us, where they lay the night preceding, and were then drawn up in two brigades, judging that our body should have faln down, to have seconded them, came on with a furious and swift March, making a terrible out-cry in their march according to their maner, but our men having received orders to retire to the body, if they were assaulted, did retire accordingly, and in retiring gave fire, the Rebells apprehending that retreat to be a flight, marcht streight close together in two brigades towards ours, which after we

had

had perceived, having obtained our end, in drawing them towards that little hill, where we were scituat, we began to march slowly, they still advancing, Coll Kittaghs sons (cryed up for their valor as invincible Champions) with their high-landers and some others assaulted my brigade fiercely, insomuch that they were not far from coming to push of pike but seeing the resolution and constancy of our men advancing still, and not looseing ground, galling them with continual shot, finding their reare to shrink back first, and then to flie at last, after a quarter of an houres stand, they turned faces, and so did all that Brigade flie, which that which was opposite to Sir William Stewart seeing, did beare their Countrey-men Company, and so fled confusedly, their troops (never so much as offering once to draw near, far lesse to charge) took the same course the

foot took, we had the chaſe and execution of them for ſix or ſeven miles, killed as is thought five hundred, tooke ſome Colours, and gained divers Armes and Drums, beſides the dead, many we heare are dangerouſly, if not mortally wounded, This is now the ſecond time that the titular Generall Sir Phelim, *with his farre greater forces hath been beaten in the field by us, with an happy ſucceſſe, which I pray the Lord of Hoſts to continue to ours, and all other Britiſh forces in Ireland, that at laſt we may ſee our deſire upon our Enemies, and the Crown of this Monarchy flouriſh upon our Kings head in peace.*

Your Lo.ps moſt humble faithfull

Culmore 21 Junij. 1642. and obedient Servant

Robert Stewart.